

## LAWYERS FOR LIBRARIES

Many public libraries in Kentucky have attorneys on the library board, with good reason. Those boards without a member who is an attorney find themselves retaining one from time to time.

There is an increasing number of legal issues coming to light in public libraries. The USA PATRIOT Act, for example, has enormous ramifications for public libraries. Traditionally, protecting the confidentiality of library patron's records has been a guiding ethical principle for libraries and librarians. Forty-nine states have laws that explicitly protect patrons' privacy; in Kentucky an Attorney General's Opinion has been interpreted to provide these protections. The passage of the PATRIOT Act threatens this protection in at least two ways – the threshold for law enforcement to show probable cause to obtain a subpoena for library patrons' records is much lower, and a gag order prevents a library from disclosing *to anyone* the fact that confidential patron information has been released. For a detailed analysis of the issue, go to [www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/usapatriotact.html](http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/usapatriotact.html).

Legal questions surrounding the Internet in the library still abound, and at least two public libraries in Kentucky have recently faced litigation of questions regarding separation of church and state.

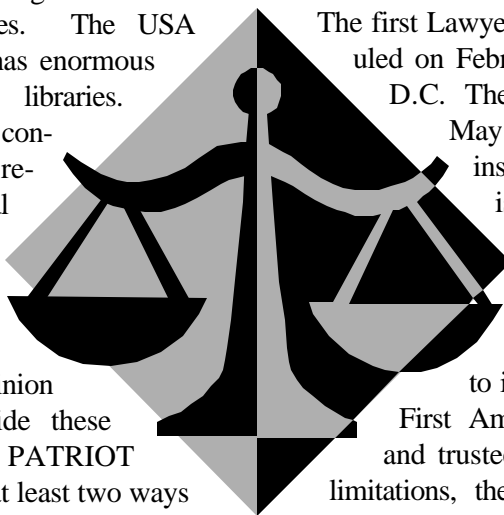
**Lawyers for Libraries**, an ongoing project of the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom (ALA/OIF), is designed to create a network of attorneys around the country involved in, or committed to becoming involved in, the defense of the First Amendment freedom to read and the application of constitutional law to library policies, principles, and problems.

The first Lawyers for Libraries Institute is scheduled on February 27-28, 2003, in Washington, D.C. The second is scheduled in Chicago, May 12-13, 2003. The cost of the institute is \$500 per person. Registration fee includes opening reception and dinner plus lunch the next day.

These institutes are for attorneys to increase their ability to protect the First Amendment in libraries. Librarians and trustees may attend, but due to space limitations, they must be accompanied by an attorney.

In addition to the scheduled institutes in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, IL, the Office for Intellectual Freedom will soon announce dates and locations for future regional institutes. Please contact the OIF at [lawyers@ala.org](mailto:lawyers@ala.org) or 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4226, if interested in staying informed about upcoming Lawyers for Libraries events.

For more information, visit [www.ala.org/lawyers/index.html](http://www.ala.org/lawyers/index.html).



## KLA AWARDS

At the Kentucky Library Association Fall Conference in October, two distinguished members of the public library community received prestigious awards.

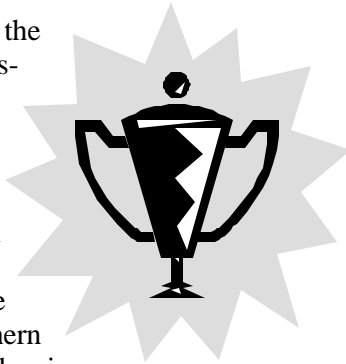
Phil Carrico received the Kentucky Library Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Phil began his library career in 1965 as a Regional Librarian in western Kentucky. In 1968, he became the first Northern Kentucky Regional Librarian.

With Phil's guidance, seven counties in northern Kentucky established taxing districts to provide public library service. During his career as Regional Librarian, public libraries in northern Kentucky flourished – Phil helped them obtain increased funding, plan and build new buildings, and develop library collections. He also advocated for employee benefits and competitive salaries required for libraries to employ quality personnel.

After serving as Regional Librarian for twenty-six years, Phil began his second library career as Director of the Campbell County Public Library. Within five years, the collection grew by 53%, and the number of registered borrowers increased by 54%. By 1998, library circulation had increased by more than 200%.

In 1999, Phil retired again, but he continues to consult for the Campbell County Public Library and serves on the Public Library Section Legislative Committee.

James A Nelson, Commissioner and State Librarian was also honored with the receipt of the Special Libraries Section Innovation Award. This award was created in order to “recognize and honor the individual who demonstrates innovation, creativity and out of the box thinking in their library.”



Jim is known for his ability to imagine new ways to do things and new paradigms for library service. For example, it was his idea to combine public libraries with technology/telecommuting centers. The first one was built in Pikeville, KY.

When Empower Kentucky was introduced by Governor Patton, Jim made the case for using Empower funds to support technology in public libraries so the citizens of Kentucky could access state services from every public library in Kentucky. He was instrumental in Kentucky's grant of over \$2,000,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to bring Kentucky libraries into the 21st century technologically. Through this grant, every public library in Kentucky received hardware, software, training and technical support to provide public Internet access.

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## MORE GRANTS FROM KDLA

KDLA has recently awarded a number of grants to public libraries which are funded through Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. These grants funded programs in the following categories:

### *Programming Subgrants*

- \$5,245 to **Allen County Public Library**.
- \$3,116 to **Bell County Public Library**.
- \$3,837 to **Bullitt County Public Library**.
- \$4,170 to **Carroll County Public Library**.
- \$5,786 to **Casey County Public Library**.
- \$7,020 to **Kenton County Public Library**.
- \$5,437 to **Robertson County Public Library**.
- \$9,999 to **Scott County Public Library**.
- \$5,390 to **Bowling Green Public Library**.

### *Automation Subgrants*

- \$6,965 to **Edmonson County Public Library**.
- \$30,000 to **George Coon Public Library** (Caldwell County).
- \$2,945 to **Bluegrass North Automation Consortia** (Franklin, Scott, and Woodford County Public Libraries).
- \$85,430 to the **Tri-County Automation Project** (Owen, Gallatin and Carroll County Public Libraries).

### *Library Cooperative Consultant Subgrant*

- \$40,000 to the **Buffalo Trace/Gateway Consultant Consortium** (Bath, Fleming, Montgomery, and Morgan County Public Libraries).

### *Library Innovation Subgrant*

- \$1,502 to **Paul Sawyer Public Library** (Franklin County).

## FIND-IT! KENTUCKY

If you sometimes have difficulty finding Kentucky state government information on the web, look to **Find-It! Kentucky** at [www.findit.ky.gov](http://www.findit.ky.gov) for a solution. Searchable by topic, keyword, and phrase, Find-It! Kentucky gives librarians and all the Commonwealth's citizens a new customer-friendly gateway for finding government information on the web.

Find-It! Kentucky is an ongoing program of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). Updated regularly, the number of Kentucky government web sites indexed by Find-It! grows each week.

Jane Minder  
KDLA Reference Librarian

## PLA WORKSHOPS

Registration is now open for the Public Library Association (PLA) 2003 Spring Symposium workshop series, which will be held March 6-8, 2003, at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Registration information can be downloaded at [www.pla.org/conference/spring03/index.html](http://www.pla.org/conference/spring03/index.html).

Symposium attendees will have the choice of attending one of five workshops that cover all aspects of librarianship. The programs are:

- Building the Perfect Library
- Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Effectiveness
- Power Up With Print: Connecting Teens and Reading in a Digital Age
- Emergent Literacy Part II: Research and Preschool Services
- Staffing for Results

## DISTANCE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

An educated and qualified staff is crucial to providing quality public library service. More and more, library education opportunities are available via the Internet, allowing library employees to overcome barriers presented by traditional college coursework.

### *Lexington Community College*

Registration is now open for Lexington Community College's distance library information technology courses for Spring Semester 2003.

The courses offered will be:

- LIT 115, Introduction to Reference
- LIT 124, Library Administration
- LIT 132, Library Technical Services
- LIT 245, Library Services for Young Adults
- LIT 247, Library Services for Adults
- LIT 299, Selected Topics: Library History
- LIT 240, Appalachian Literature of Kentucky [cross-listed as HUM 240]

These courses may be used to meet public library certification requirements for the Library Experience and Paraprofessional levels. Also, they count toward certification renewal.

You can find course descriptions, textbook information, fee structure, and deadlines at <http://www.uky.edu/LCC/LB>. You can register online or by phone via the Kentucky Virtual University at [www.kyvu.org](http://www.kyvu.org).

For more information, contact [Martha Birchfield](#) at [marthab@uky.edu](mailto:marthab@uky.edu) or phone toll free (866) 774-4872, ext. 4159.

### *Florida State University*

Florida State University offers a Master of Science in Information Studies with five areas of concentration. The 42 credit hour program is delivered fully electronically over the World Wide Web. The Master of Science degree pro-

gram is accredited by the American Library Association. The following website has all of the information needed to get started. Additionally you will find links to the university and departmental applications, information about financial aid, and a variety of other resources. Go to [www.lis.fsu.edu/Prospects/Grads/ssd1\\_prospective\\_grad\\_intro.cfm](http://www.lis.fsu.edu/Prospects/Grads/ssd1_prospective_grad_intro.cfm).

Please note that the school has a FALL ONLY admissions policy for all incoming Master's and Ph.D. degree students. ***The application deadline for Fall 2003 is June 1, 2003.*** All application materials must be received by that date. Prospective students should take the GRE as soon as possible.

Students may study either as full-time or part-time students. The minimum requirement for the degree is 42 credit hours. Most students studying full time complete their programs in approximately 3-4 semesters. For those who prefer part-time study, students can take up to seven years to complete the degree program. FSU permits up to six semester hours to be transferred as electives toward the Master's degree.

The tuition for academic year 2002-2003 for distance learning is \$236.11 per credit hour for Florida residents. Legal residents of Kentucky can qualify for in-state tuition rates via the Academic Common Market.

For additional information, please contact [Suzanne Houff](#) at [houff@lis.fsu.edu](mailto:houff@lis.fsu.edu) or by phone at 850-644-8121.

### *Assistance from KDLA*

A list of universities offering library science courses through distance learning programs is maintained. This list may be found at [www.kdla.net/libserv/distance.htm](http://www.kdla.net/libserv/distance.htm). Also, tuition assistance for Kentucky public library staff enrolled in ALA-accredited MLS programs will be available this fiscal year.

## PLANNING FOR EVENTS AHEAD

**D**on't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities:

**Novemebr 13** Advanced HTML 4 workshop @ Owensboro Community College in Owensboro.

**Novemebr 15** Advanced HTML 4 workshop @ West Kentucky Technical College in Paducah.

**November 15** SOLINET The Accidental Trainer Workshop @ Lexington Public Library in Lexington.

**November 18-22** Network Administrators Boot Camp II @ Barren River State Park in Glasgow.

**November 18-24** Children's Book Week.

**November 18** SOLINET Business Resources on the Internet workshop @ Louisville Free Public Library in Louisville.

**December 3** SOLINET Making the Connexion workshop @ Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville.

**December 4** SOLINET OCLC Connexion workshop @ Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville.

**December 13** Kentucky SOLINET Users Group meeting @ Jefferson Community College in Louisville.

**December 16** Deadline for submission of Outreach grant applications.

**January 24-29** American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

For information regarding workshop opportunities, please check KDLAs web page at [www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm](http://www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm).



## CATALOGING TIP

**A**uthority control can sometimes be the bane of a cataloger's existence. Choosing the correct form of an author's name or subject heading can cause major headaches! Don't despair – authority work just got easier! The Library of Congress authority records are now available online at <http://authorities.loc.gov>. This free on-line service enables you to search, display and even download authority records in the MARC 21 format. With this new service, called Library of Congress Authorities, you can search for subject, name, title and name/title combinations. The Help screens seem to be very useful giving either brief information or more detailed search strategies depending on what you select. I hope this will make authority work a little less painful for everyone! As always, please call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns – we are always glad to help!

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## 'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column highlights some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome. Please e-mail items of interest to [marjorie.flowers@kdla.net](mailto:marjorie.flowers@kdla.net).

**Jim Powers**, 40-year employee of the **Boyd County Public Library** and Director since 1996, has announced his retirement effective December 31, 2002.

The **Newport Branch** of the **Campbell County Public Library**, along with the East Row Historic Foundation, was awarded an Excellence in Preservation Award for their joint effort to order, purchase, catalog, house, and circulate historic preservation books to assist community members who are renovating houses.

June 25, 2002 was declared **Newport Carnegie Building Day** to celebrate the library building's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In October, the **Kenton County Public Library** opened a 34,294 square foot, state of the art library at a grand opening celebration. The new facility will replace the Erlanger Branch. Special features include a reading garden, an outdoor programming area, and drive-through service windows.

The *Louisville Courier-Journal* featured **Tim Renners** in an article about library recruitment. Tim is a new business reference librarian at the **Louisville Free Public Library**.

The **Robertson County Public Library** was the beneficiary of a local fundraising concert. The library received \$1,100. The library is also slated to receive ten new computers through the GED Program. Finally, the library has received a grant from

the Libri Foundation for the purchase of new children's books.

**Susie Crowder** has had an article published in the latest issue of the *Bookmobile and Outreach Services Newsletter*. The article traces the history of Kentucky's bookmobile program from 1887 to today.

The **Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library Night Friends** earned over \$1,600 in their annual book sale.

The *Henderson Gleaner* named the **Henderson County Public Library's** web site an one of the very best in Henderson County in a recent column.

The **Friends of the McCracken County Public Library** contributed funds to add 200 books to the MCPL Young adult Collection at the McCracken Regional Juvenile Detention Center. The library project, in its third year, continues to provide popular reading material to the youth in residence at the Center.

The **McCracken County Public Library** participated in a local hospital's Childbirth Fair. Information for expectant mothers on library cards, prenatal and child development library materials, program and library services information, and recommended reading lists for infants and toddlers were given to more than 450 expectant mothers.

The **Johnson County Public Library** has completed a \$500,000 renovation project. The 1969 facility's interior was completely gutted and redesigned. Wheelchair accessible restrooms were added, as well as other modifications to meet ADA requirements. The library features a mural of Johnson County nature scenes by a local artist, and computers with educational software have been placed in the children's area.

The **Bowling Green Public Library** is offering extensive services for homeschoolers and their parents. Services include one program a month on various topics and an e-mail distribution list for parents and local homeschool organizations. Plans for

future services include a parent/child internet class as well as a library skills workshop series.

The **Fleming County Public Library** Friends book sale earned over \$1,000 for the library.

The **Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library** received an unsolicited \$1,000 donation from the local WalMart.

The **Madison County Public Library** uses a retired bookmobile for its ongoing "Mobile Book Sale."

The **Marshall County Public Library** held an Open House on August 6, to celebrate the new addition and renovation of the library.

Two libraries in the Purchase/Pennyile region celebrated Teen Read Week in October with the opening of new teen areas in their libraries. The **Marshall County Main Branch Library** celebrated the opening of their newly created Young Adult Section with a Pizza Taste-Off contest. The **Graves County Public Library** hosted a pizza party to celebrate the opening of their new Teen Reading Area.

The new location for the **Mt. Washington Branch** of the **Bullitt County Public Library** is now open. The library hosted an Open House Celebration in September.

The **Hopkins County-Madisonville Public Library** is one of several community partners that is reaping the benefits of Governor's Initiative Grant for Early Childhood Education. The library received storytime kits which are rotated among child care providers in Hopkins County. Additionally, **Teresa Carlisle**, the Bookmobile Librarian, provides programs facilities using the storytime kits in child care facilities. Joining this partnership has resulted in more than twenty-five additional stops for the library.

"A man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

-- Mark Twain

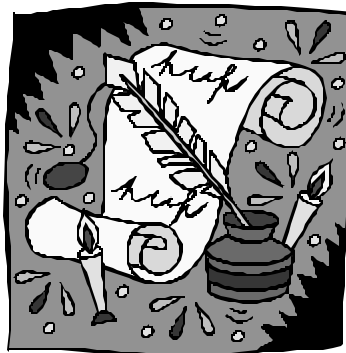
The Louisville Free Public Library was the first public library stop on the national Declaration of Independence Road Trip. The document is one of the original "broad-sides" and was on display at the library from October 26 through November 3. The three-and-a-half-year tour is a non-profit, nonpartisan project designed to encourage civic activism and voting, especially among young people.

Producer Norman Lear and Internet entrepreneur David Hayden bought the rare 1776 copy of the Declaration of Independence in an online auction in 2000 for \$8.14 million. The document is one of 25 known surviving copies of the official first printing of the Declaration adopted by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

The Road Trip kicked off at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., in July 2001. In its first year of travel, the "People's Document" visited the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City and presidential libraries from coast to coast and made a stop at the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta this past June.

In addition to the broadside, Louisville Free Public Library hosted a display of items printed in the time leading up to and during the Revolutionary War period. The display includes the first British printing of the Declaration, a 1776 edition of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" and Lord Cornwallis' Letter of Surrender from October 17, 1781. The library also hosted a voter registration center, along with Power of One displays, the Liberty Pole, Let Freedom Ring banners and a gift shop.

For more details on the Declaration of Independence Road Trip, including resource material, visit the project's web site at [www.IndependenceRoadTrip.org](http://www.IndependenceRoadTrip.org).



## LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

Announcing the First Annual *Kentucky Public Library Newsletter* library quiz contest! Find the correct answers to the following ten questions. (Hint: All answers will be found at KDLA's web site.) E-mail your answers to [marjorie.flowers@kdla.net](mailto:marjorie.flowers@kdla.net) along with your mailing address. The first ten correct entries will receive a special prize and recognition among your peers!

1. How many videocassettes does that Audiovisual Department at KDLA have for loan to public libraries?
2. Who are the current members of the Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians?
3. Who is eligible to borrow materials from the Kentucky Talking Book Library?
4. What is Kentucky's ranking for public library local income?
5. What is the name of the e-mail reference service provided by the Reference staff at the State library?
6. What is the name of KDLA's online public relations magazine for librarians?
7. Who was the governor when 100 bookmobiles were presented to public libraries?
8. What is the telephone number of the Daviess County Public Library?
9. Who are the officers of the Kentucky Library Trustees Association?
10. Who is the Regional Librarian in the Bluegrass Region?

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